

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/465,982

Examiner

Mylinh Tran

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 04/08/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4-12,14-24,26-37,56-61 and 67-75.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 05/11/05.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Kevin Shao on 05/16/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 67: line 1, "A machine-readable medium" has been replaced by "A computer readable storage medium".

Claim 68: line 1, "The machine-readable medium" has been replaced by "The computer readable storage medium".

Claim 69: line 1, "The machine-readable medium" has been replaced by "The computer readable storage medium".

Claim 70: line 1, "The machine-readable medium" has been replaced by "The computer readable storage medium".

Claim 71: line 1, "The machine-readable medium" has been replaced by "The computer readable storage medium".

Claim 72: line 1, "The machine-readable medium" has been replaced by "The computer readable storage medium".

Claim 73: line 1, "The machine-readable medium" has been replaced by "The computer readable storage medium".

Claim 74: line 1, "The machine-readable medium" has been replaced by "The computer readable storage medium".

Claim 75: line 1, "The machine-readable medium" has been replaced by "The computer readable storage medium".

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Independent claims 1, 11, 21 and 67 when considered as a whole, are allowable over the art of record. Specifically, prior art of record does not teach or suggest the steps/means for "displaying a list of reduced visual representations" as claimed was not taught or suggested by the prior arts. Although Morris discloses a first, second and third tracks of reduced visual representations (figure 1, 105, 110, 115, (102)) and Qureshi teaches associate an audio clip to a slide presentation and means for recording an audio narration to be associated with at least one of the reduced visual representations at column 2, lines 42-60, column 4, lines 34-40 and column 8, lines 28-43; however, none of the references teach or suggest means for displaying within the second display area an icon representing the recorded audio narration comprising a non-numeric, visual representation corresponding to a length of the audio narration wherein the second and third list of reduced visual representation representing a story being authored

including associating one or more audio narrations. With such limitations, the Examiner deems this application in condition for allowance over the prior arts made of record.

Drawings

New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because the Applicant submitted the informal drawings. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsman outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mylinh Tran. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thu from 7:00AM to 3:00PM at 571-272-4141.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Herndon, can be reached at 571-272-4136.

The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:

703-872-9306


and / or:

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